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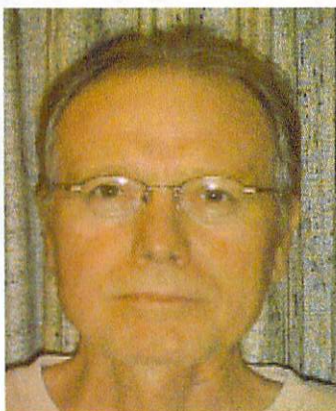
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Are you ready for the EXPO? I'm looking forward to the EXPO but not the trip as I have to drive 450 miles to Salt Lake to catch my flight. That was the deal I made with Priceline to get the deal I got. My wife told me to just pay the extra for flying out of our small city. Always trying to save a couple of bucks!

I have a few things to say...

This is the turning point for the publication. If present subscribers and no new subscribers submit new subscriptions then I will have to end this publication. I will refund, prorated, any funds due those few who are paid through the next months and until next year. I enjoy desktop publishing but I need to at least have help and also some compensation for the time spent in my quest to have a top notch, relatively, professional publication. I wish I could afford to print this publication without having to worry about money but it's just not probable. After all, even though I don't make a profit, Office Depot, Office Max, public service, Bresnan broadband, and the USPS are getting most if not all of the budget. Having cancer this last year is also a real priority maker; consideration of my health alone is enough to bag the whole operation. I'm supporting





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Greetings Fellow Commodore Users;

I have two important announcements.

I'm very pleased to announce the launch of the completely revamped, and updated Official WiNGs website: <http://wings.webhop.org>. Same address, totally new site. The new wings.webhop.org aims at making it much easier to see and get to the information about WiNGs that you need.

The site offers new tutorials, new downloads page, indexed IRC log files, application synopses, and for the first time a hardware ordering section. The site is accessible to both people with modern graphical browsers, and people using text browsers through a shell account or on their C64, such as the wave. To view the text browser friendly site surf to <http://wings.webhop.org/simpleindex.html>

This leads us to my second announcement which I think is going to be very exciting. A new group has formed today by the name of "Modernity Grp." We are a hardware distribution, and software development group, along a similar vein as Protovision. Our goal is to support and further the usefulness and accessibility of the WiNGs Operating System, by providing key software and hardware to provide the best experience possible.

Today we announce that we are importing the brand new version of the IDE64 from the Czech Republic into North America. The IDE64 version 3.4 is the newest and best incarnation of the IDE64 to date, and was just released to the world for the first last month. This version of the IDE64, like the versions before it is able to interface an assortment of modern hardware devices to the Commodore64 and 128, including ATA harddrives, ATAPI CD-roms, Dual HighSpeed RS232 serial ports, and a 10 Megabit ethernet adaptor, ETH64. But the most important new development for the IDE64 is the built in Compact Flash Card port. This allows for high capacity, ultra compact, non-volatile, Compact Flash Cards to be plugged directly into a C64 and is accessible directly from the Ready Prompt just like any other storage device.

With the IDE64 and a Compact Flash card, you get very fast, WiNGs and commodore kernal compatible, high capacity storage (partition sizes range from 32 Megabytes upto a Gigabyte) all contained in a single cartridge that does not require any external power supply. The compact flash cards can be swapped in and out to expand your capacity to fit your needs.

More information about this newest IDE64 interface adaptor can be found at <http://wings.webhop.org> under the Modernity Grp. section. A complete demonstration of all the features and

capabilities of this amazing hardware, and how well it works with wings, will be shown off in exactly one month, at the up and coming LUCKI Spring Commodore Expo in New Albany Indiana.

The complete IDE64 package, which includes the Interface Cartridge, a color 18 Page User Guide, a CR2032 RTC battery, double sided 1541 Utilities disk and a bonus CDrom will be on sale at the LUCKI Spring Commodore Expo for \$149. Be there to find out about Special Introductory offers. We will begin taking mail orders for the IDE64 package and other products to come, starting on June 1st 2004.

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- Modernity Grp.
- Greg Nacu.

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North America*



Ordering of products will be available on June 1st

Modernity Grp. is a hardware and software distribution group, formed in the Spring of 2004. The goal of Modernity Grp. is to import modern Commodore technologies from around the globe and make them readily accessible to North Americans. Modernity Grp. presents, demonstrates and sells its product line at the biggest Commodore shows this side of the ocean, as well as accepting and supporting Mail Orders to anywhere in the world.

We are pleased with the line of products we make available, and may be looking to expand our line of support in the future.

Look for the certified mark of Modernity Grp.'s dedication to high quality hardware and software, for the Commodore 64 and 128 personal computer.

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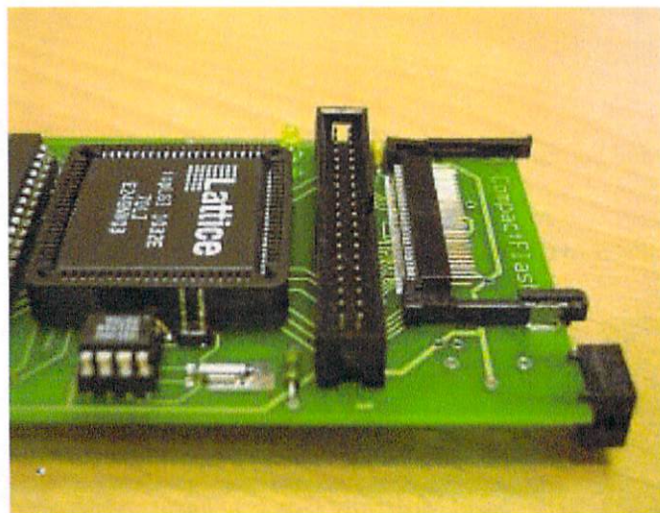
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IDE64 v3.4 - Harddrive, CD-Rom, Compact Flash storage

Developed and released in 2004, the IDE64 v3.4 is the 4th generation of IDE64 since its original debut in 1997. The IDE64 provides the fastest, highest capacity and least expensive independent storage solution yet available for the Commodore 64.



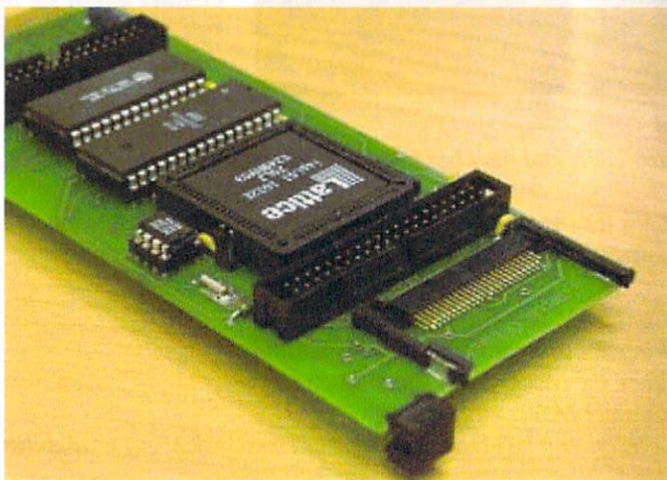
The IDE64 is much more than a simple drive adaptor, it is an interface for a multiplicity of modern devices with the ability to expand.

The IDE64 interface allows the connection and use of common ATA harddrives, CD-rom drives, and now ultra small and quiet Compact Flash cards. An expansion port known as the shortbus allows for a growing line of new devices to be connected as well. Currently these include dual highspeed (115k) serial ports, and a 10

megabit ethernet adaptor.

Storage capacities reach unmatched levels, with partition sizes upto 8 gigabytes. Native access to PC CD-roms allows for direct access to the content of a CD from the READY. prompt without needing to use a copy utility first. And it's ready to play music CD's right out of the box.

Nothing makes the WiNGs Operating System shine like the incredible speed of the



IDE64. Opening large applications, playing digital music stored on the harddrive, and loading in and watching large movie files becomes painlessly fast with the IDE64. The IDE64 matches the CMD RamLink in speed, but offers hundreds of times the capacity at almost half the price!

The IDE64 is compatible with a wide variety of other Commodore expansion devices including the SuperCPU, RamLink, CMD HD, JiffyDos, Turbo232/Swiftlink and EX3,EX2+1. Also features a built in RTC capable of setting the BASIC clock and WiNGs system clock. A floppy disk speeder, an autoboot file, machine language monitor and a built in two panel file manager.

The IDE64 package comes with an 18 page instruction manual, a CR2032 battery, a ribbon cable, a double sided 1541 utilities disk, and the latest version of WiNGs on 3.5" 1581 diskette. Included is the multimedia CD-Rom disc, PureMEDIA volume i. (see more details below)

IDE64 Package - \$149 USD

Join the IDE64 mailing list: ide64-subscribe@www.wd.dk

** INTRODUCTORY SPECIAL * Order a 12 month subscription to LOADSTAR and save \$15 on the purchase of your IDE64 package. (Contact Modernity Grp. for details)*

Micromys - 2 Button Mouse and Adaptor

Are you still using a Joystick in GEOS? Have you been looking for a replacement for your aging 1351 mouse? Now with the Micromys mouse adaptor you can use any PS/2 mouse you like! Get a mouse with funky colours, or a stylish and comfortable hand grip. Nothing makes your commodore look more modern than having a glowing new mouse.

The Micromys adaptor makes a standard PS/2 mouse 100% 1351 compatible, and also offers programmability of the third mouse button and a scrollwheel found on today's PS/2 mice.

Modernity Grp. ships the Micromys adaptor with a standard 2 button PS/2 mouse ready for you to use. But remember you can always get your own and plug it into the adaptor. No hassle, no software to upgrade, just plug it in and mouse away! Now THAT is one smart mouse!

Micromys Mouse and Adaptor - \$39.99 USD



PureMEDIA - PureMEDIA volume i CD-Rom

Included is a Bonus CD-Rom disc loaded with over 500 megabytes of pure media files. Media includes Music, thousands of classic SID tunes, and over 60 full length digital songs, 10 Photo galleries, which contain over 200 photos in all. The newest addition to the WiNGs multimedia capabilities are Movies. PureMEDIA volume i includes 6 motion movie files. This CD can be accessed directly with a CD-rom drive connected to an IDE64. A true library of literally hundreds of megabytes of pureMEDIA.

PureMEDIA volume i
Multimedia CD-Rom
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Packaged With Other Offers.

WiNGs OS - WiNGs OS on
3.5" Diskette

Having trouble downloading
or installing WiNGs? Don't
have a connection to the
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compatible) diskette. Diskette
contains Ajirc, FTP, Mail v2,
Fileman, Josmod,
Wavestream, The WiNGs
Movie Player and more.



WiNGs OS on 3.5" Diskette
(Included is the multimedia CD-Rom disc,
PureMEDIA volume i.)
- FREE + \$9.95 S/H USD

IDE64 Manual - Extra/Replacement manual

18 pages, colour, card stock cover. Contains
installation, maintenance, upgrade and programming
instructions. As well as an overview of the builtin
utilities.

IDE64 Replacement Manual - \$4.99 USD

CR2032 Battery - Spare/Replacement battery



Replacement for the battery which comes with the IDE64. This battery keeps the RTC's date and time set, as well as the custom setup options.

CR2032 Replacement Battery - \$4.99 USD

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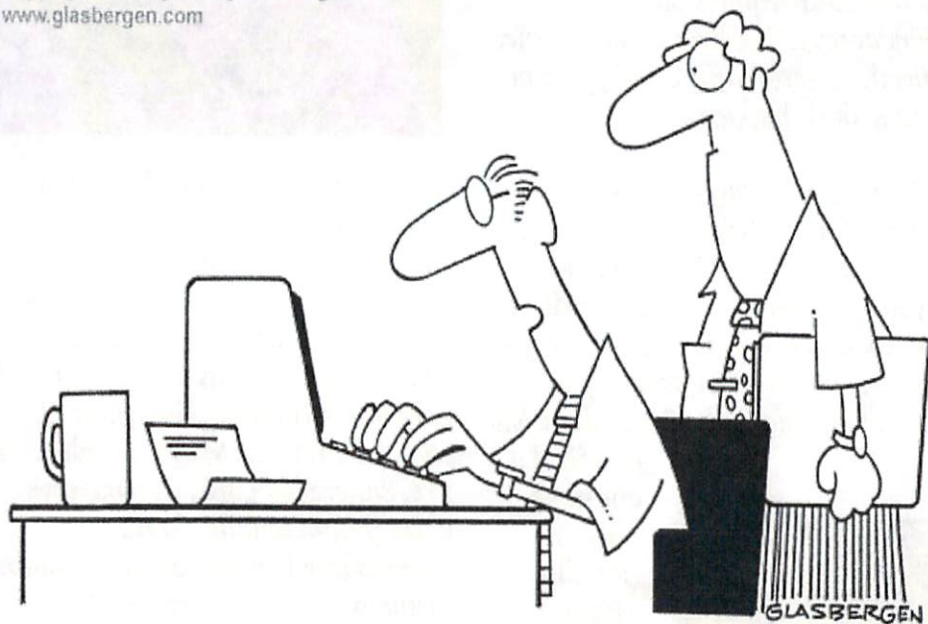
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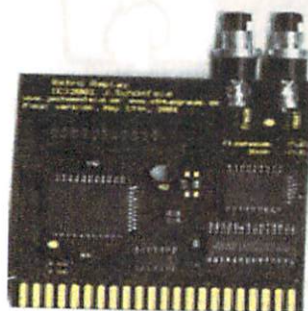
**"I've been using the same computer since 1980.
They can't replace it without violating the
company's age discrimination policies."**

Jeri's Jackpot!!!

So named because she has graciously donated an RetroReplay cartridge and an R-R Net ethernet adaptor as a raffle prize.

Many of us who enjoy surfing the internet want to connect our Commodores to a fast access internet line. Whether we call it Broadband or DSL, it usually requires our Commodores to hook up to an ethernet connection. Jeri's raffle offering is one way to make it happen!!

The "5 for 5 Expo Raffle" list is presented for you below. Please look it over and support this Expo whether or not you can attend. The tickets will be \$5.00 each. Each ticket will enable you to win one of five great prizes. (For those not coming to the Expo, there will



be added a one-time-only handling charge of \$5.00.)

The prizes

are....

1. An FD-2000 from the estate of



Henry Dale, donated by his widow Marie Dale so that we might remember and honor him at this Expo.

2. A Super Mega C= CD donated by Gaelyne Gasson plus a geoSpecific CD from Bruce Thomas. Gaelyne's CD contains over 500 MB from VideoCam FTP, Baker Street BBS, CompuServe CBM forum, and the GENie Commodore Library. Bruce's contains a plethora of Commodore GEOS programs.

3. Two CD's of special music created (and donated) by Seth Sternberger, who

will perform twice at the Expo. They are titled, "8 bit Weapon" (Commodore music) and "Unfortunate Brain Chemistry"! ;-)

4. A Hockey Shirt which has the Commodore logo donated by Greg Nacu and his Modernity Group. It has a few years on it, but it appears to be one-of-a-kind! A picture of it is on the back page of the latest (March/April 2004) Commodore DIGEST. We will also throw in a few Surprises!

5. Jeri's Jackpot -- A RetroReplay cartridge and an R-R Net ethernet adaptor making it possible to hook your C-64 to a fast access internet connection. No doubt, we will add a few surprises with this raffle prize, as well. ;-)

If you want to enter the raffle, and you cannot attend the Expo in person, please send \$5.00 for the handling charge (one-time only) and then \$5.00

for each raffle ticket you wish to purchase.

You will also need to send me a list of your choices so that we will know what prize to send you when you win! You can name them or simply list the prize order by number, such as 1-2-3-4-5 or 3-2-4-5-1, etc. Sorry, but if you fail to send me your preference list, we will have to chose for you and we might not make the right pick for you. :-/

All Raffle money must be received by Saturday morning of the Expo. To send the money by check, write your check out to the LUCKI Club for the Expo Raffle. Send it to...

Dale Sidebottom
P. O. Box 303
New Albany IN 45151-0303

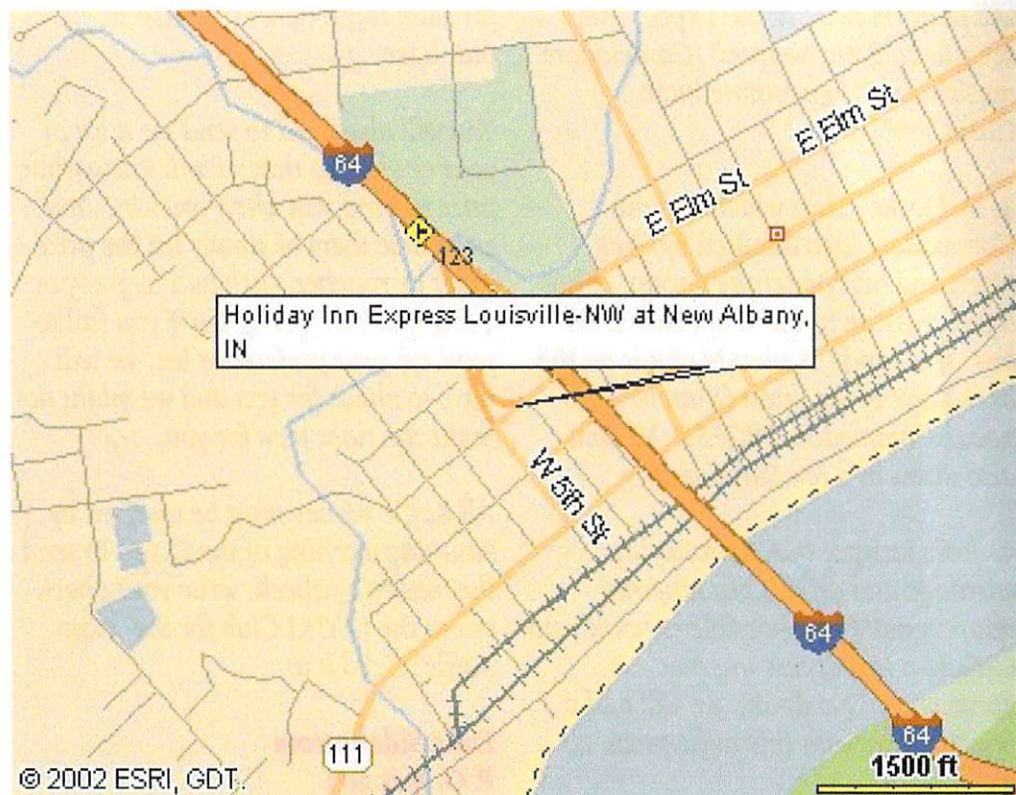
Or send the money thru PayPal at luckikds@yahoo.com



Thank you for everything you do to support Commodore!

Dale Sidebottom
President of the LUCKI
Club / Spring Expo
Organizer





Dear Commodore Friends,

We got Trouble! Right here in River City! With a capital T, that rhymes with P, and that stands for....PGA!!!

That's right. I discovered recently that the rooms at the Holiday Inn Express are filling up fast for Memorial (Expo) Weekend. Actually the hotel is located in New Albany IN, but it's directly across the river from Louisville KY where a PGA Senior Pro Golf Tournament will be played at the Valhalla Golf Course. It was a shock to get an email from Greg Nacu that his group (from Canada) had tried to get reservations and had been told that the hotel was all booked up!

So I called the Head of Hospitality at said Holiday Inn and asked if she could find us more accommodations. What I have been able to work out is this...

Only five more non-smoking rooms (all with one King Sized bed instead of two doubles) are available. Only three more non-smoking rooms are available (two doubles in each room, I believe).

What happened??? I'm not sure. This year just seems to be the year that interest in the LUCKI Spring Expo is exploding!! Last year we had 10 rooms rented by guests. This year we have already turned in reservations for 17 rooms, and more people want to join us! This is a great problem to have, but a bit inconvenient! :-/

You all know that I will do my dead level best to find good accommodations for all who want to come, but please try to make it easy on me (and yourself) by getting in your reservations as quickly as possible!!! That way, if these rooms become all booked up, I will have more time to find suitable accommodations for those who must find other quarters.

(Meanwhile, if you have reserved a room for one, and would be willing to let another person

share the room and the cost with you, please send me a private email. Obviously, we may need to share quarters in order to accomodate everyone who desires to share this year's Expo experience!)

Thank you all,

Dale

P.S. Revervation information is repeated below.....

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS for the Spring Commodore EXPO 2004, call 1-877-451-2595. The operator will ask you for the name of the event and the reservation number. The name of the event is the "LUCKI Spring Commodore EXPO," and the reservation number for non-smoking rooms is 68647332. To reserve a smoking room, the reservation number for the same event is 68647713.

This Holiday Inn continues to take good care of our people. They have not raised our room rates in FOUR YEARS!!! The cost a hotel room is still \$59 a night...up to 5 persons/room. The total room cost with taxes, etc., is \$64.31 a night. Again, we encourage you to stay both nights, May 28 & 29, so you can enjoy an "extended Expo weekend."

The cost of the EXPO is \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per family. Sellers pay \$15 per table. All sellers and demonstrators need to set up before 9:00 on Saturday morning. Remember, if you want a table for a demo or sales display...or if you want someone to meet you at the airport, PLEASE make arrangements with me in advance!

Call me at 812-944-9132, or send me an email...luckykds@iglou.com

Sincerely,

K. Dale Sidebottom

LUCKI Club President and Expo Organizer

Located on the SunnySide of Louisville. Only 5 miles from Downtown and 8 miles from Caesars Riverboat Casino. Featuring the largest indoor pool and the best Breakfast Bar in the Louisville area. *** The Hotel is undergoing complete renovations in all of our guestrooms and will be completed by May 2004! Our rooms will become more spacious and have a larger bathroom vanity area. We invite you to come and visit and see these exciting changes!

This hotel is committed to providing accessible facilities under the American Disabilities Act. If your accessibility needs are not met, please contact the Hotel Manager on Duty. Should you require additional information regarding accessible facilities for guests with disabilities, please call 1-800-Holiday (U.S. and Canada) or contact the hotel directly. For the hearing impaired, TDD service is available at 1-800-238-5544 within the U.S. and Canada.





The Retro Replay freezer cartridge from Individual Computers (www.jschoenfeld.de) holds 2 adjustable FlashROMs. You can choose for every reset which of the cartridge-ROMs you want to use. A Silversurfer can be connected to it. Silversurfer is a RS232 interface but is slower than e.g. DUART and also not SCPU compatible. Software that is fixed to run with Silversurfer and cartridge ROMs are downloadable at the Retro Replay page.

Prices include postage within Europe and all legally required taxes.
www.protovision-online.de



Hello fellow COPS users,

If you are going to attend the Expo could you do one thing for me? Bring with you any **USB devices** that you want to test out with the new (totally overhauled) Linux Server for the commodore. Cameras, thumbdrives, cdroms, burners, printers, scanners, bring them all. I even have a set of digital binoculars I am trying out!

The server is still in production and we need to test as many different brands of devices as possible. We have made good progress and I believe you will be awestruck with the new look and the software we have finished. In fact, the expo after this one we expect to bring you GEOS/Wheels compatibility. Perhaps even Wings.

Sincerely, Roger Lawhorn.

Installment #14, Free Flow Graphic Placement, of the geoPublish Tutorial is now available at <http://www.edmc.net/cue>.

Follow the geoPublish Tutorial link and enGEOy!

Along with the HTML version of the article that can be read online there are two CONVERTed geoWrite files to download. One is the actual article and the second one contains directions on how to set up the text regions and import the file into the geoPublish Document so you can follow along and create your own printable copy of the Tutorial.

In addition, the Photo Album containing pictures used in creating the Tutorial has been updated and is available for download under the geoPub14 section.

To provide you with even more

handy tools referenced and used in the creation of this installment you will also find links to download Nate Fielder's ScrapCan (program for cutting large scraps out of geoPaint files) plus Docs and Maurice Randall's Screen2Paint (very handy Desk Accessory for Wheels users to take screen shots) plus Docs.



More people are coming to this year's LUCKY Spring C= Expo than ever before! I am astounded at how our allotment of rooms at the Holiday Inn has filled up!

For this reason, it is more necessary than ever that those who are flying into the Louisville International Airport make certain that I know when you are arriving. If you told me before, then tell me again! I need to make sure that I have your airline, flight #, and ETA. Please help me help you!

Secondly, if you plan to "show-off", I need to know what you intend to demo. If I have spoken to you personally over the phone, then I should have that listed already. But even if you told me before, then tell me again!

Early next week, I hope to send out a tentative schedule of demos for this Expo. If by chance, you are expecting (planning) to give a demo and your name didn't make this list, then call or email me for sure!!!! I do not want to leave anyone out, so don't be shy.

If you have made plans to attend the LUCKY EXPO next weekend (and if you haven't you really should) you will get a first hand look at the geoPublish Tutorial as it is developing so far plus you will get a bit of a glimpse into the future of the Tutorial. While they have not been written yet the next two installments of the geoPublish Tutorial will be on display. This is necessary so that I can demo some of the new features in Todd Elliott's geoPublish V1.1 upgrade during the Advanced geoPublish Tutorial! Todd is also responsible for the geoPublish Tutorial expanding. I have to add one or two modules to cover the new features that he has added to geoPublish.

enGEOy!

Bruce

This year's Lucki Spring C= Expo will have a few new wrinkles! (New AND possibly expensive wrinkles.) :-/ We are planning to rent a sound system so that demonstrations can more easily be heard. This has a double purpose, as Seth Sternberger (a.k.a. Naughtyboy) is scheduled to give us, not one, but TWO concerts over the weekend! I am not planning to rent anything too elaborate, but I do want to get something that will let us be heard as never before (in this Expo)! :-))

Next, I am planning to hook my Commodore up to a multi-media projector. I have dreamed of taking my Commodore screen and projecting it on the wall for nearly 10 years, and THIS year I expect to make it happen! However, unless I can find a way to borrow one for free, I have discovered that it cost around \$200 a day to rent these. (Naturally, if I find a way to make this work for my Commodore, other demos will be able to use it, too!)

I can confirm that Jeri is planning to attend that show, because I wanted her to come to Germany for the "Replay copy convention", happening that same weekend. Since the monday after is a holiday in Germany, the party is even longer, starting 28th of may, ending 31st.

While Jeri will do her demo on the C-One at the Louisville show, I'll demonstrate the state of development in Bochum, Germany.

The reservation module on the website

is active since a few hours, and we have less than 100 places for the whole party. Enjoy some really cool oldschool-entertainment like competitions for:

best demo
best graphics
best music
best jingle
best cracking
best cheating
best gamer

The party is going to take place in an old air raid shelter, the "Dienstagstreff bunker", and I'm sponsoring the event from the profits I made on the Retro Replay cartridge, which has been selling really well in the past three years.

Get more info, especially on the freebees we have, on www.pokefinder.org

The Retro Replay copy convention is an oldschool event. There's no internet, and only a very small LAN for developers. PCs are not allowed, you will only be allowed to bring in a PC if you can confirm that it's a cross-development system. There's no phone jack in the whole bunker, and since the walls are more than 12 feet thick, mobile phones don't work. However, since the "large party room" is on top of the building with four little windows and a possibility to get outside on the roof, you might be able to use your mobile eventually.

ciao,
Jens Schönfeld

TULIP COMPUTERS LANCEERT COMMODORE 64 MINI GAME CONSOLE

Amersfoort, April 27, 2004

Tulip Computers N.V. (Tulip Computers) maakt vandaag bekend dat de onderneming samen met Ironstone Partners Ltd. (Ironstone) een Commodore 64 (C64) mini game console heeft ontwikkeld, met de naam C64 Direct-to-TV. Dit spelsysteem voor videogames dat door Tulip Computers zal worden geleverd, is gebaseerd op de wereldberoemde Commodore 64, 's werelds meest bekende huiscomputer voor spelletjes. Door een simpele aansluiting op de TV kunnen de gebruikers met de C64 Direct-to-TV, 30 populaire C64 spellen spelen. Dit is het eerste van een hele serie spelproducten welke Tulip Computers onder het Commodorelabel op de markt zal brengen.



De verwachte retailprijs zal ongeveer € 30,- bedragen. Het product zal vanaf in de tweede helft van 2004 in de winkels liggen, zowel in Europa als in de Verenigde Staten



De lancering van de C64 Direct-to-TV bouwt voort op het succes van soortgelijke producten die op Atari, Namco en het Intellivision spelsysteem zijn gebaseerd. Door de momenteel zeer grote vraag naar "retro" videospelletjes is de C64 Direct-to-TV een natuurlijke evolutie en zal een nieuwe standaard worden met superieur geluid en grafische

kwaliteit. Met 30 spellen, die vooraf op het apparaat zijn geïnstalleerd, biedt de C64 Direct-to-TV beduidend meer dan de concurrentie. Van deze spelletjes zijn in het verleden miljoenen aantallen over de toonbank gegaan. Samen met de C64

Direct-to-TV worden o.a. de volgende legendarische spellen meegeleverd: de Classic Games™ series from Epyx™ inclusief Summer Games™, Winter Games, World Games™ en The Seminal California Games™. Dit laatste spel heeft destijds het genre van de “sports” videogames gecreëerd.

Darren Melbourne, de Creative Director van Ironstone: "Wij zijn er van overtuigd dat software van dit kaliber en deze kwaliteit de C64 Direct-to-TV het meest succesvolle product zal worden in de markt. Dit is de eerste van een breed scala van activiteiten die wij gepland hebben de bekendheid van C64 prominent terug te brengen in de videospellen industrie".

Commodore 64

De C64 wordt erkend door het Guinness Book of World Records als zijnde de meest verkochte huiscomputer aller tijden, met een verkoopverleden van meer dan 30 miljoen eenheden. De C64's unieke architectuur was bij zijn lancering in 1982 superieur ten opzichte van alle andere beschikbare systemen in de markt. Het werd de machine van een complete generatie.

Tweeëntwintig jaar nadat de eerste versie Commodore 64 is uitgekomen, is de C64 nog ongelooflijk populair en heeft nog steeds wereldwijd meer dan 6 miljoen loyale Commodore gebruikers, met letterlijk honderden bestaande websites rondom de machine en zijn spellen. Grote belangstelling is te verwachten van deze enorme loyale aanhang, aangezien de C64 Direct-to-TV de eerste nieuwe herlancering van C64 hardware over een decennium zal zijn.

De introductie van dit product past in de strategie van Tulip Computers om haar internationaal zeer bekende merk Commodore te gebruiken voor innovatieve kwaliteitsproducten gericht op de consumentenmarkt. Mark Elbertse, CEO van Tulip Computers: "Het product C64 Direct-to-TV is een uitstekend voorbeeld van initiatieven die wij nu, eventueel met partners, in de markt zetten. We maken hierbij gebruik van de waarde van de merknaam Commodore en leveren producten welke worden gevraagd door grote aantallen liefhebbers van Commodore producten". In totaal zijn er enige duizenden Commodore spellen beschikbaar voor nieuw te annunceren Commodoreproducten. Voor Tulip Computers betekent dit dat zij hiermee in de toekomst naast inkomsten uit hardware ook licentie inkomsten ontvangt van de door Ironstone verkochte producten, waaronder de hier geannonceerde mini game console. Dit past binnen de strategische keuze van Tulip Computers in de toekomst licentie inkomsten te verwerven gebaseerd op haar technologische kennis en merken.

Over Tulip Computers

Tulip Computers is een Europese computerleverancier die uitgegroeid is tot een vooraanstaande en internationaal erkende organisatie. Sinds de oprichting in 1979 is Tulip Computers bijna 25 jaar actief in de computer- industrie waarmee ze tot één van de meest ervaren computerleveranciers ter wereld behoort. Het hoofdkantoor van Tulip Computers is gevestigd in Amersfoort. Naast het wereldwijde beleid is dit hoofdkantoor eveneens verantwoordelijk voor Research & Development, Marketing en Communicatie.

Over Ironstone

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Tulip has launched their C64 product. It's a joystick which you can connect to your TV. Although I was skeptical, I do think they have a product with it, for 30 euros, it's very affordable.

Here is their press release. It's in Dutch. A lot of you might appreciate that Babelfish supports Dutch since a few weeks.

<http://www.tulip.com/news/article.asp?nid=145>

Daniël Mantione

On May 7, 2004, Arndt Dettke reports that he has redone four font sets for Godot, the graphics manipulation program for the C64/128. The four fonts are Snap, Impact, Desdemona, and BeesKnees. Go to <http://www.godot64.de> to download the fonts. This is what Arndt had to say --

"To have updated material for the UCUGA Digest workshop series, I reworked the four available font sets of GoDot. Now the name of an individual character tells you the kerning size they have (you can read the actual pixel width of that character). Thus, you can gather headlines much easier. Additionally, I also enhanced the view of many of the single characters."

GoDot

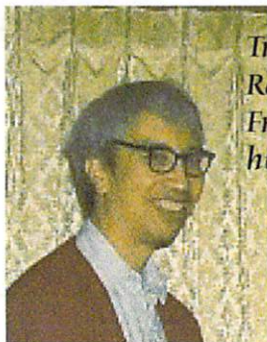
CS Doom 64 news

Shaun Bebbington reports that England's Retro Gamer magazine is backing the Commodore Scene Doom 64 project and is looking to officially sponsor it. Currently, the Programmer's Cash Pot (the payment for those who develop Doom 64) stands at: 450 pounds UK = 675 Euros = \$650 US (this amount will vary according to the current exchange rates).

The challenge is to produce Doom for the C64 into a full game. Minimum requirements for the game are:

Mouse and keyboard control (joystick can be an option), SuperCPU, SuperRAM/REU option, compatibility with all popular drives where appropriate (i.e., 1541 disks may not have sufficient storage space.) compatibility with large storage devices (RAMLink, CMD HD, or IDE64, etc.)

For more information, go to <http://www.commodorescene.org.uk>



Truly,
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a hobby. I have another hobby - fly-fishing - which gets a fair amount of my time and extra money and, lately, has been neglected. This coming EXPO is important as I will be talking and discussing alternatives for continuing some kind of publication. Nothing is concrete; consequently, there is nothing to announce except hope of gathering some forces to keep a publication.

I am trying to have a life instead of being "grumpy house husband". Who knows, if I can stay away from the surgeon's scalpel, I may get a real job.

My German Grandmother says often, "no loss no gain". In other words, if you don't risk losing anything you don't get ahead. "Put your money where your mouth is", is what I grew up hearing. That's how professional sports started. Prizes were awarded the winner and consequently better and better athletes started showing up. The games got more popular because people liked seeing if someone could perform under pressure; when the stakes were high.

So I've taken a risk and gained a lot of respect for people who REALLY publish a magazine on a deadline and come up with advertisers and writers. People get paid for Performance or pay to have performance. If I say and do what I say I'm going to do then I get the prize. If I hit the

ball only three times before I get it into the hole then I get paid. If I don't, I don't get paid and no one cares. Profitability, performance, competition, legitimacy, and relevance are words that come to mind.

Hobby, 1. something a person especially likes to work at or study which is not his main business; any favorite pastime or topic of conversation.

PROFIT, the gain from a business; what is left when the cost of goods and of carrying on the business is subtracted from the amount of money taken in.
2. the gain from any transaction.
3. advantage; benefit; any gain resulting in mental or spiritual betterment.

PERFORMANCE, 1. the act of carrying out; doing; the efficient performance of an automobile. (SYN) execution, accomplishment, achievement.

Legitimate, 2. Allowed; valid, logical, or acceptable.

Relevant, 1. Bearing upon or connected with the matter in hand; to the point.

I think these are words and thoughts to ponder since many of us have waited many months, if not years, for products to be sent, produced or perfected. Therefore, no one can or should bitch since it's only a hobby. No big deal, no deadlines, no performance anxiety...

Happy Commodoring ☺ See you at the EXPO!!

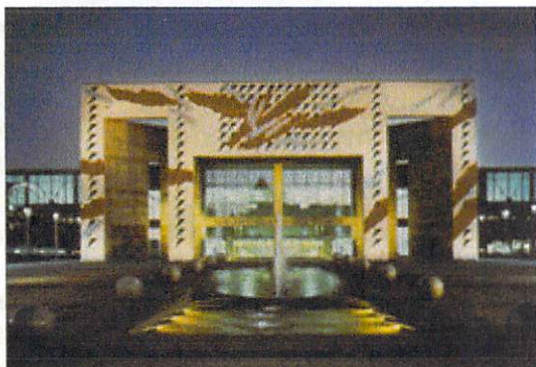
Classic Gaming Expo 2004 Announced

It's official! The 2004 Classic Gaming Expo will be held on August 21 and 22 at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center in San Jose, California. Due to ever-growing attendance, we were compelled to seek larger quarters for this, our seventh annual event; the video gaming industry's largest show dedicated to the preservation and celebration of video game history.

Las Vegas has been very good to us, but over the past couple of years attendance has risen to the point that it was getting a little crowded there. Since many of the Expo alumni and sponsors are located on the West Coast (not to mention a larger collector base and game press) it has become more convenient and comfortable for everyone to relocate to California.

This year's Classic Gaming Expo will utilize more than 30,000 square feet of exhibit space in the San Jose McEnery Convention Center. The main show floor will see an increase of over 7,000 square feet while the keynote speaker room and museum of gaming history will double in size.

Many more details to follow in the next few days, including discounted early registration, hotel rates and airfare! For the full press release, click [HERE](#).



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